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FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PARTY
 ISRAELI CABINET UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS' REJECTION OF EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS
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 ((JERUSALEM TELEVISION GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ANNOUNCER ELIMELEKH
 RAM REPORT--LIVE))
 JERUSALEM DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN HEBREW 1730 GMT 27 JUL
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((TEXT)) THE CABINET HAS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE MINITERIAL
 NEGOTIATING TEAM'S DECISION TO FUNDAMENTALLY REJECT EGYPT'S
 COUNTERPROPOSAL, INCLUDING THE MAP, BOTH OF WHICH REACHED ISRAEL
 THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE END
 OF LAST WEEK.

FROM DETAILS WE HAVE LEARNED, IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT THE ISRAELI
 LINE, AS PROPOSED BY EGYPT, IS ABOUT 10 RPT 10 KM EAST OF THE PASSES.
 THE PRESENT DISENGAGEMENT LINE, IN WHICH THE EGYPTIAN ARMY
 IS STATIONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES
 AGREEMENT, WILL NOT FORM, ACCORDING TO THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL,
 THE BOUNDARY OF THE EGYPTIAN ARMY'S ADVANCE, THAT IS, NINE
 EVACUATED PASSES WILL BE PARTLY OR WHOLLY OCCUPIED BY THE EGYPTIAN
 ARMY.

THE EGYPTIANS DO NOT ACCEPT AMERICAN PRESENCE AT THE WARNING
 INSTALLATIONS.

JERUSALEM SOURCES STRESS THAT THE UNITED STATES ALSO DOES NOT
 IDENTIFY WITH THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL AND THAT THE UNITED STATES
 HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO THE EGYPTIANS THAT ONE SHOULD NOT EXPECT
 ISRAEL TO ACCEPT SUCH A PROPOSAL. INDEED, ISRAEL HAS GIVEN A
 CATEGORICALLY NEGATIVE REPLY.

THE GAP BETWEEN THE POSITIONS--THAT OF ISRAEL AND THAT OF
 EGYPT--IS WIDE BOTH IN PRINCIPLE AND IN FACT. MINISTER TO
 WHOM I HAVE SPOKEN HAVE CLAIMED THAT THE GAP IS FAR WIDER
 THAN COULD HAVE BEEN IMAGINED 2 RPT 2 MONTHS AGO.

IN ISRAEL THE EGYPTIAN POSITION IS REGARDED AS
 A PRELIMINARY BARGAINING POSITION, UNLESS THE EGYPTIANS HAVE
 DECIDED NOT TO GO FURTHER TOWARD AN INTERIM AGREEMENT.

AT THE PRESENT STAGE CONTACTS ARE BEING HELD BETWEEN THE UNITED
 STATES AND EGYPT. ISRAEL HAS TRANSMITTED ITS REPLIES THROUGH
 THE AMERICANS. CLARIFICATIONS ARE CONTINUING.

WHETHER A MOVE HAS INDEED TAKEN PLACE--AND WHAT SORT
 OF MOVE IT IS--WE SHALL KNOW WITHIN A FEW DAYS. 271730 TR/SHERES/CS
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